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1. MISOFFS MET WITH CHIEF OF UNIDO NEGOTIATIONS SECTION
(HACINI) AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ON DEC. 16 TO REVIEW
PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS. CONVERSATION
TREATED BOTH OF GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND OF SPECIFICS
FOR EACH MEETING.

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS- MAJOR CONCERN OF HACINI
AND STAFF WAS THAT THESE INITIAL CONSULTATIONS BE
ORGANIZED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PRECLUDE TO EXTENT
POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF FOCUS FROM TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSION
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TO POLITICAL-CONFRONTATIONAL POLEMICS. IN HACINI'S VIEW,
LATTER WOULD NOT BE IN KEEPING WITH MANDATE GRANTED BY
INDUUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND WOULD VITIATE
POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING DIALOUGE. WITH THIS
IN MIND, SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN CASTING ABOUT FOR
METHOD OF ARRIVING AT AGREED RULES OF PROCEDURE

AND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF CONSULTATIONS MEETINGS THAT WILL AVOID PROLONGED DISCUSSION THESE MATTERS AT CONSULTATION MEETINGS THEMSELVES. TO THIS END, SECRETARIAT IS DRAFTING SIMPLIFIED RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH IT HOPES TO SUBMIT TO CHAIRMEN OF GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS IN VIENNA IN EARLY JANUARY FOR COMMENT, IN ANTICIPATION THAT THIS WILL FACILITATE ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AT CONSULTATIONS AS A MERE FORMALITY". PROBLEM OF SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN IS MORE DIFFICULT AND NO CLEAR METHOD HAS EMERGED FOR "ENGINEERING" ELECTION OF CJCANDIDATES ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

3. HACINI MADE CLEAR THAT HE AND STAFF WERE CONVINCED THAT NO RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED FROM CONSULTATIONS UNLESS ANY AND ALL DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ARRIVED AT ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS. AT SAME TIME, HACINI SAID, HE WAS MADE VIVIDLY AWARE FROM HIS CONTACTS WITH G-19 REPS IN PARIS THAT LDC'S WOULD QUICKLY LOSE INTEREST IN UNIDO CONSULTATIONS UNLESS SOME "RESULTS" COULD BE FORESEEN, ADMITTING THE NEAR-IMPOSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN OUTCOME FROM CONSULTATIONS OF SUCH BRIEF DURATION, HACINI BELIEVED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT TO BE EXPECTED FROM THESE INITIAL MEETINGS WOULD BE CONSENSUS DECISION TO RESUME THE MEETINGS AT A LATER DATE. HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID PROLONGED DEBATE IN PLENARY OF CONSULTATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TO QUICKLY ESTABLISH OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUPS TO MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY ON EACH "ISSUE" TO BE DISCUSSED. IN THE CASE OF A DECISION TO RESUME THE CONSULTATIONS

AT A LATER DATE, HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH FOR EACH SECTORAL CONSULTATION AN INTERSESSIONAL

WORKING GROUP OF ABOUT 30 MEMBERS, REPRESENTING ALL AREAS OF INTEREST, TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS.

4. FERTILIZER CONSULTATIONS- SECRETARIAT (LINE-UK) SAID THAT FINAL PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION AT FERTILIZER MEETING WILL BE ISSUED WEEK OF DEC. 21; THIS PAPER

IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN AGENDA AND SOME FURTHER BACKGROUFND
ON THE FOUR ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED. LINE
PROMISED TO DELIVER FIVE COPIES OF THIS PAPER TO MISSION
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPT., HE ASKED ON AN URGENT BASIS
WHETHER HE MIGHT RECEIVE SOME INDICATION FROM
WASHINGTON OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS FROM INTERESTED
SECTORS IN US FOR PURPOSE OF ISSUING
INVITATIONS TO MEETING. THERE WAS MADE GENERAL
OBSERVATION, IN THIS CONTEXT, THAT UNID WOULD FIND
ACCEPTABLE PARTICIPATION BY AS MANY AS
8 TO 10 PERSONS FROM US.

5. IRON AND STEEL CONSULTATION- SECRETARIAT
(BLASZCYSZYN-POLAND) SAID THAT RESULTS OF
PREPARATORY MEETING WILL SOON BE FORMALLY ISSUED.
HE INTENDED CABLE ALL PROSPECTIVE PRIVATE SECTOR
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SENT DIRECTLY TO THEM, AND TO ASCERTAIN THEIR
INTEREST IN ATTENDING CONSULTATION MEETING. HE ALSO
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
INDICATIOON OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION ON PART USG,
LABOR AND CONSUMERS.

6. COMMENT: MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT QUESTION OF USG
PARTICIPATION IN EITHER OF IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING
CONSULTATIONS IS STILL OPEN TO DECISION. SINCE,
HOWEVER, QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURAL NATURE LOOM SO LARGE
FOR THESE INITIAL, EXPERIMENTAL MEETINGS, WE COMMEND
TO DEPT'S CONSIDERATION THE ADVANTAGES OF AT LEAST
SOME PRESENCE OF MISSION VIENNA AT CONSULTATIONS,
PARTICULARLY IF, AS MAY BE EXPECTED, LDC'S
ATTEMPT PUT "INTERGOVENMENTAL" CAST ON
CONSULTATIONS, A NOTION WE SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED
IN COURSE OF IDB-X, BUT ONE THAT WAS RAISED
AGAIN BY MEXICANS IN UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE
DICCUSION OF UNIDO. MISSION WOLD APPRECIATE
FURTHER INDICATION OF DEPT'S THINKING IN TERMS
OF US PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT MEETINGS, AND
PARTICULARLY ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PASS ON TO
SECRETARIAT IN RESPECT OF PROSPECTIVE ATTENDEES
TO UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS, HAVING IN MIND SHORTNESS
OF TIME BEFORE INVITATIONS MUST BE ISSUED. DEPT.
MIGHT WISH ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT, SINCE PARTICIPANTS
WILL ATTEND AT OWN EXPENSE, UNIDO IS LOOKING TO
LOCAL MISSIONS TO MAKE NECESSARY HOTEL RESERVATION,
WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO IN VIENNA ON SHORT NOTICE. STIBRAVY

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